

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	583



Town Lexington

Address 123 Marrett Road

Historic Name Cotton Farm

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1800-1810

Source stylistic analysis

Style Federal/Greek Revival

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings attached barn

Major alterations (with dates) barn

converted to ell, ell raised to two stories

greenhouse window added (dates unknown)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 7 acres

Setting Retains its farm-like setting

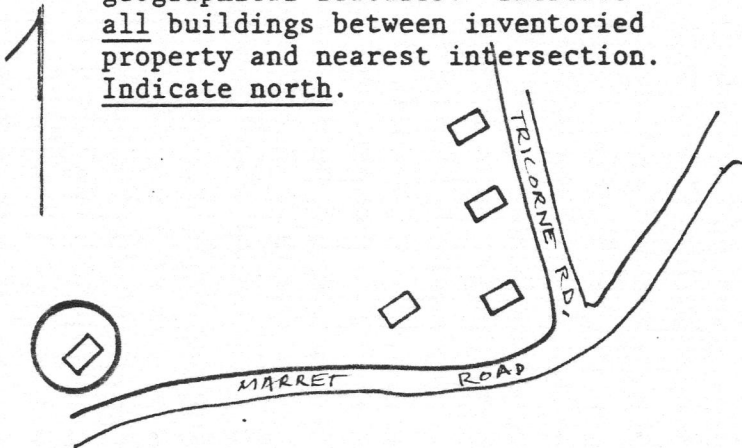
with open land on three sides; a large

new dwelling, "Cotton Farm" is at the

rear of the site.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This is probably one of the earliest of the Country Federal/ Greek Revival houses in East Lexington. The roof is constructed with a five-sided ridge pole, typical of c. 1800 buildings in Lexington, rather than the narrow board placed vertically which is the characteristic ridge pole of c. 1830 roof construction there. The building has the typical 5-bay wide, one-room deep configuration with rear chimney and small stair hall behind the entrance.

(see Continuation Sheet)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

L. (Luther) Spaulding is listed as occupant of the farm in 1853. About 1860 George Wyman Adams (1819-1905) was the owner. In 1889 the Cotton family purchased the property from Adams. Henry Ward Beecher Cotton, a lawyer and member of the Common Council in Boston, resided here. His son, Judge Joseph R. Cotton, inherited the property and lived here until he sold to the current owners.

Further research is needed to clarify the original owner and building date of this house.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Lexington	Form No: 583
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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

An Italianate porch and balustrade with turned balusters is a later addition to the facade, as is the roofless balustraded veranda across the front.

The ell was originally a one-story barn. A former owner raised the roof to two stories. The present owner restored it, replacing all but one beam with ones from a comparable structure built in 1752 in New Hampshire.

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